

**CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2012**  
**The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C**

**The following members were present:**

Ira Berkowitz	Darryl Higuchi
Brad Bernstein	Eric Schneider
Mimi Deem	Mark Stapleton
Laurel Harrington	

**Excused/Absent:**

Marguerite Garrick  
Michelle Harris  
Andrea Maddox-Dallas  
Melanie Tamsky

*Also Present:*

Patty DeForrest  
Eric Gruenenfelder  
Susan Renard

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June meeting were approved as amended.

**Addresses from the Audience:** There were no addresses from the audience.

**Shaw Park Pavilion Design Concepts:** Mr. Todd Jacobs, Mr. Bob Duckar, Mr. Mark Van den Alkker, and Ms. Laurel Harrington from *Christner* presented their Shaw Park Pavilion facility design concepts to the Commission. Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Duckar discussed the findings from the Shaw Park Pavilion public forum and follow-up meetings. The desire is to design a pavilion that is iconic. It was reported that during the public forum, attendees polled places they liked and disliked in Shaw Park, reviewed pavilion architecture ideas, and offered their design opinions. The architectural expression based on public input is leaning towards contemporary, but ranges between formal and simple.

Two pavilion set-up options were presented: Option 1 had a covered seating area with tables that would seat up to 120 people, restrooms, a catering kitchen, buffet and head table as well as a restroom building. Option 2 showed seating for up to 200, restroom locations, catering area, but did not include a head table or buffet table. Mr. Jacobs noted that there was a large fireplace in the original drawings that has been removed due to cost and the amount of space it required. The existing fireplace will be incorporated into the design. Ms. DeForrest stated that the pavilion will be able to accommodate various set-ups.

The Christner team also showed two design options. The first schematic drawing shown had a gable roof and the second drawing had a screened type gable roof with wood posts shaped like trees. The Commission discussed their likes and dislikes about each of the drawings. Mr. Berkowitz stated that he liked the slanted roof building because it was more earthy and inviting. The majority of the Commission members liked the pavilion with the slanted roof more than the one with the metal roof, but they prefer the wood tree supports shown in the second drawing. Mr. Schneider stated that he really liked scheme two because it is more like the potential ice rink covering and more modern. Mr. Berger stated that he would like to see the design go beyond the standards for ADA accessibility and pointed out a few areas that appeared as if they could be potential accessibility issues.

Christner will take this feedback and make changes prior to taking to the Board of Aldermen for further consideration. The Christner presentation has been attached to these minutes.

**Facility Naming Application:** Mr. Robert Kerr, Present of the Clayton Education Foundation, brought forward a facility naming application requesting that the dive tank at Shaw Park Aquatic Center be named the Wally H. Lundt Dive Tank. (Please review the attached application which includes detailed information about Mr. Lundt's contributions to aquatics.) Mr. Kerr explained to the Commission why the Clayton Education Foundation feels so strongly about having the dive tank

named after Mr. Wally Lundt. He stated that Wally Lundt was a long time employee of the Clayton School District and the City of Clayton, as well as the father of water polo to many in the St. Louis Area. Furthermore, many people learned to swim from Wally and he went above and beyond to enhance educational opportunities for children in Clayton.

Mr. Kerr said the foundation would solicit organizers to help with the cost of the plaque. The plaque would be placed on the dive tank so patrons could read about Wally's legacy and love of aquatics.

Ms. DeForrest stated that in 2010 the City did not have a naming rights policy when it was last requested that we name the entire facility after Mr. Lundt. The City has since adopted a Donation, Gift and Naming policy that have been approved by the Board of Aldermen. During the past two years, due to the efforts of the Century Foundation, there have been more requests for naming of facilities. The request for renaming the dive tank falls under section 6 B which states *"Naming of a facility for a specific individual or corporation will only be considered if that individual or corporation has made a significant contribution to the City of Clayton. Such contribution may be in the form of outstanding civic service over a prolonged period of time or donation of substantial property or funds for the acquisition/development of the facility. Names honoring living individuals must be supported by extraordinarily compelling reasons, along with a thorough background review"*.

Mr. Berkowitz voiced his concern about whether it was appropriate to name a public facility after a former City employee. He stated that the expectation should be that all City employees do a great job. He had concerns about how we would determine which employee had done a job better than some other employee. He also stated that employees are paid for their efforts and it is volunteers who invest their time and would be more deserving of the honor. Mr. Berkowitz was in favor of a plaque for any employees that the Commission or the Board deemed particularly note worthy. Mr. Stapleton stated that having Mr. Lundt's story on a plaque at the aquatic center would be good for kids to see for years to come and good for the Clayton community. Ms. DeForrest said the facility naming application discussion was very good and will be useful when more applications are submitted. At the close of the discussion, Mr. Bernstein made a recommendation to the BOA stating that the Commission supports the application submitted by the Clayton Education Foundation to name the dive tank at the Shaw Park Aquatic Center in memory of Wally Lundt. Commission members present were in favor except for Mr. Berkowitz who abstained. Consideration of this request will next go to the Board of Aldermen.

#### **Director's Report:**

**-Project Updates:** The City is waiting on final approval from MSD for the dog park project. They have asked the City to provide some additional information about the project. The land at Haddington Court has become City park land and parks staff is handling the maintenance of the site.

The Shaw Park Recreational Trail is on hold as the City is waiting for approval from MSD. Stormwater management improvements which were initially included in the plan were not approved so a redesign was necessary. Staff is waiting to hear on whether the new rain garden plan will be approved. It is hoped that this project can go out for bid in August.

The front and back porch at the Hanley House will be replaced in the fall making the house ADA accessible. At the same time, foundation work and tuckpointing will be done.

A fence issue at the Shaw Park Tennis Center has been resolved and the project is progressing.

SWT is working on the garden design for the new Century Garden. The art for the garden is being fabricated.

The final ice rink report should be ready for the August Commission meeting.

Ms. DeForrest reported that the City and CRSWC budgets are in the final stages. The proposed City budget is on the City's website.

The accreditation inspection team recommended the Clayton Parks and Recreation Department for national accreditation. Ms. DeForrest and Mr. Gruenenfelder will go before the NRPA Congress in October and answer questions about the process. If everything goes well, the department will receive accreditation at that time.

**Old Business / New Business:** Mr. Berkowitz asked Ms. DeForrest why the Garden Café project was not brought to the Commission's attention before it opened in Shaw Park. Ms. DeForrest stated that she did inform the Commission about the fact that the department was going out to bid for concessions at the outdoor pool and thought she had mentioned it. This was a concept that was done to test the idea of food service in the park during the summer and as such is an extension of the food service at the pool. She indicated it was not her intent to bypass the commission.

Mr. Berkowitz stated that the café is not being done right and the café owner feels like he does not have support from the City. Ms. DeForrest indicated that she felt that city staff has given quite a bit of support to the vendor and was supportive of their efforts. The challenges of food service in this area have made it difficult, but she hopes that with better weather operations will improve. She believes we have learned that patrons enjoy sitting in that area in the garden area to have food and drink. Also, the city is looking into the possibility of passing an ordinance that would allow food trucks in Clayton parks.

Ms. DeForrest noted that she did receive complaints about The Center of Clayton summer hours. She explained that the summer hours were approved as part of the budget process in 2011 and put in to place for budgetary reasons. Research was conducted in order to determine usage during the summer after 9:00 pm and it was more cost effective to reduce hours. Patrons whom submitted written comment received responses and the determination has been made to shorten the time that these hours will be in effect from the Tuesday after Labor Day (September 4) to Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, tying the summer hours to the time that the students are out of school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

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